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COMM 46 GUIDANCE REVISION

The RR program is revising the previous guidance on Comm 46 to reflect the language in the current rule. Users of Comm 46 should note that DNR will promulgate NR 746 as its final version of Comm 46, and at that time associated changes will be made to other chapters in the NR 700 series.

http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/wi_regs/commNR46_hearing.pdf

A proposed change to NR 726 would allow closure of sites with enforcement standard exceedences in public street or highway rights-of-way without a groundwater use restriction. Users of Comm 46 should also be aware that NR 726 still requires that a groundwater use restriction be recorded for contamination above the enforcement standard on all properties, regardless of the permeability of the formations in which groundwater occurs.

UTILITY CORRIDOR INVESTIGATION GUIDANCE

The RR program's Consistency Team is developing guidance for investigation of contamination in utility corridors. Although the draft has been distributed through other sources, readers are advised that the draft has not yet undergone internal legal or management review, nor review by the program's NR 700 Focus Group.

DNR ENCOURAGES CHECKING FOR Y2K PROBLEMS

Secretary George Meyer has sent many facilities a letter reminding them of their responsibilities to anticipate and resolve potential environmental compliance problems that may result from Y2K-related equipment problems. The Department has developed a guidance document informing regulated facilities that the department doesn't intend to penalize them for violations of environmental laws that occur while the facilities are conducting tests to identify, prevent or eliminate Y2K-related malfunctions. This guidance, based on EPA's guideline, recognizes that regulated facilities are more likely to be proactive if they know how the DNR will react if their testing of monitoring, pollution control and other equipment results in environmental violations. To learn more about the Y2K problem and how the department is preparing for it, check the DNR Y2K website <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/y2k>. You can also check out these web sites: State of Wisconsin Year 2000 Project United States Environmental Protection Agency

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